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This book uses narratives, actual court cases, study tips, research methodologies, and an extensive glossary to demystify the legal process and allow those who need to know the law to move comfortably in this realm by providing a bridge between professionals in both law and education. It aims to help educators understand how law is made, how to read the law analytically, and how to apply law to situations that arise in educational arenas. Five chapters include: (1) "Sources of Law" (primary and secondary sources, weight and authority, and legal authority exercise); (2) "Reading Case Law" (basics of reading cases, examples and practice, briefing a case, and synthesis exercises); (3) "Research" (research as art, an experimental canvas, where to start finding the law, Internet legal resources, and sample research exercises); (4) "Annotated Glossary of Legal Terms"; and (5) "Appendix" (offering a combination of additional materials and answers to some of the exercises used throughout the text). (SM)

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